

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please **AMEND** claims 24 and 28 and **ADD** new claims 30-34 as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-23 (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A recirculating filter tank system adapted for use in a septic system, comprising:

a tank having a bottom and sides, and an inlet and outlet; and
an effluent distribution system comprising troughs forming channels integrally in at least the bottom and sides of the tank, the channels including at least one bottom channel being open to an inside of the tank and spanning substantially between opposing ends of the tank at the bottom and additional channels intersecting the bottom channel.

25. (Previously Presented) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 24, wherein the tank is made from one of precast concrete and a synthetic material.

26. (Previously Presented) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 24, wherein the tank includes an inlet pipe which extends from an interior to an exterior of the tank.

27. (Previously Presented) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 24, further comprising a sheet placed on one of the bottom and the sides of the tank.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~The recirculating filter tank system of claim 27, A recirculating filter tank system adapted for use in a septic system, comprising:~~

a tank having a bottom and sides, and an inlet and outlet;
an effluent distribution system comprising troughs forming channels
integrally in at least the bottom and sides of the tank, the channels including at
least one bottom channel spanning substantially between opposing ends of the
tank at the bottom and additional channels intersecting the bottom channel; and
a sheet placed on one of the bottom and the sides of the tank,
wherein the sheet includes perforations so that effluent can flow from a filter to the integral troughs.

29. (Previously Presented) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 24, wherein the tank further includes a flange and ribs.

30. (New) A recirculating filter tank system adapted for use in a septic system, comprising:

a tank having a bottom and sides, and an inlet and outlet;
at least the bottom of the tank comprising integrally formed troughs which open to an inside of the tank; and
at least one of the integrally formed troughs of the bottom of the tank spanning the bottom of the tank and extending between different sides of the tank.

31. (New) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 30, wherein at least another of the integrally formed troughs intersects said integrally formed trough spanning the bottom of the tank.

32. (New) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 31, wherein said integrally formed trough spanning the bottom of the tank has one end extending to a first side of the tank containing the inlet and another end extending to a second side of the tank containing the outlet.